

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Emergency Condition Notification Form

Date: June 15, 2011 Update

Update Time: 3:00 PM (MDT)

Facility Affected: Fresno Reservoir

River(s) Affected: Milk River

Organizations Receiving this Notification:

Hill County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Blaine County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Fort Belknap Reservation Tribal Police
Chairman, Tribal Emergency Response Committee – Fort Belknap Reservation
Phillips County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
Valley County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point
National Weather Service, Great Falls
National Weather Service, Glasgow
Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services, Helena
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha
Bureau of Reclamation – Great Plains Regional Office

1. Condition Description

Streamflows in the Milk River Basin while at high levels are continuing to recede. Inflows into Fresno Reservoir appear to have peaked from the storms events of last week, resulting in lower inflows and a reservoir elevation of 2577.34. As storm runoff decreases, un-gated spillway releases from Fresno Reservoir are expected decrease as well.

In accordance with the Fresno Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP), spillway releases greater than 2,000 cfs keeps Fresno Dam at an elevated response level requiring notifications to downstream authorities and affected agencies. **This is only a result of spillway releases exceeding 2,000 cfs. There are no dam safety related conditions or concerns with Fresno Dam.**

Below are the current conditions as of 3:00 p.m. June 15, 2011.

- Elevation = 2577.34
- Storage = 104,981 acre-feet
- Inflow (12-hr avg) = 1,790 cfs
- Discharge = 2,390 cfs

2. Potential River Levels and Times of Arrival

Upstream river stations continue to recede resulting in reduced inflows into Fresno Reservoir. The un-gated spillway releases at Fresno Dam are still remain above 2,000 cfs, but are expected to continue to recede over the next several days.

3. Actions Taken by Reclamation

Reclamation continues to monitor river levels both upstream and downstream of Fresno Reservoir, as well at conditions at Fresno Reservoir and will issue further notifications as conditions warrant.

4. Actions Expected of Downstream Agencies

Flows in excess of 2,000 cfs on the Milk River below Fresno Dam are 1-2 days. Downstream agencies should take these flows into account combined with existing downstream tributary flows entering the Milk River and notify landowners who occupy low lying areas subject to potential flooding. Strongly encourage property owners to take appropriate actions.

5. For Additional Information

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